

Behavioral Health State Health Resource Plan

Notice of Informational Sessions

The Department of Public Health will be holding a series of informational sessions to discuss the initial findings of the Behavioral Health section of the State Health Resource Plan (“the Plan”). The Plan, mandated under section 16T of chapter 6A of the Massachusetts General Laws, must include an inventory of health care resources for various health services and make recommendations for the appropriate supply and distribution of those services. The part of the Plan under consideration focuses on Behavioral Health, including Mental Health and Substance Abuse services.

These hearings are an opportunity for the public to voice comments about the Behavioral Health component of the Plan. Comments from the public will be incorporated into the final Plan. The full set of slides that will be presented, along with other materials produced during the Behavioral Health planning process, are available at www.mass.gov/dph/ohpp.

The Department invites the public to provide comments at one of the three informational hearings listed below:

| Date | Time | Location |
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| Friday, October 17, 2014 | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Springfield, MA Behavioral Health Network 417 Liberty Street Springfield, MA 01104 |
| Monday, October 20, 2014 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Fall River, MA SSTAR Family Healthcare Center 386 Stanley Street Fall River, MA 02720 |
| Friday, October 24, 2014 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Boston, MA Department of Public Health 250 Washington Street Boston, MA 02108 Public Health Council Room (2nd Floor) |

For requests of reasonable accommodations, please contact Matthew McCabe, Office of Health Planning and Policy, 617-624-5639; matthew.mccabe2@state.ma.us. Accommodation requests must be received 72 hours in advance of the scheduled presentation.

The Department encourages parties to submit written copies of their comments. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, 2014. Comments should be no more than 250 words. Please submit your comments electronically as a Word document or in the body of an email to ohpp@massmail.state.ma.us. The Department will post all comments that comply with these instructions on its website. Anyone unable to submit electronic testimony should mail submissions to Matthew McCabe, Office of Health Policy and Planning, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108.